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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants respectfully request that the documents listed in the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

These documents were cited in the Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in the corresponding EPO counterpart application.



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That each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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